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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Lodge's 5 April Weekly (Saigon 22177 NODIS)

There is little in this cable you need bother with. Lodge talks about:

1. The constitution (including praise for the U.S. passed by Dr. Dan during a call he paid on Lodge.)

2. Presidential candidates (Suu, Huong, and the military -- some things Lodge said on Guam).

3. Local elections (good turnout, small number of candidates, VC opposition and concern).

4. A CBS opinion study of South Vietnamese Attitudes (very selectively quoted from).

5. The rising Chieu Hoi rate (a quite significant emerging trend) and resultant Communist concern (very real, with good reason).

6. The past week's fighting.

7. Operation FAIRFAX (Security clearing of Saigon's suburban area, begun 1 December 1966, uses U.S. troops, fairly successful.)

8. Casualties.

9. Economic indicators (not a bad week).

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